

CLAIMS

1. A method for the manufacturing of a masking member comprising; the preparation of a green masking member by stretch molding a thermoplastic resin sheet, and then heating and softening said green masking member to achieve a size and shape suitable for the part to be masked.
2. A method for the manufacturing of a masking member in accordance with Claim 1, wherein said heating and softening treatment is carried out at a temperature below that of the melting point of said thermoplastic resin sheet.
3. A method for the manufacturing of a masking member in accordance with Claim 1 or 2, wherein said thermoplastic resin sheet is made of a thermoplastic resin into which a filler is mixed.
4. A method for the manufacturing of a masking member in accordance with Claim 1 or 2, wherein said thermoplastic resin sheet is a foamed thermoplastic resin sheet.
5. A method for the manufacturing of a masking member in accordance with any of Claims 1 to 4, wherein said thermoplastic resin sheet is made of a polyolefin group resin.
6. A method for the manufacturing of a masking member in accordance with any of Claims 1 to 4, wherein said thermoplastic resin sheet is made of a polystyrene group resin.
7. A method for the manufacturing of a masking member in accordance with any of Claims 1 to 4, wherein said thermoplastic resin sheet is made of a polymer alloy containing an amorphous thermoplastic resin and a crystalline thermoplastic resin.
8. A method for manufacturing a masking member in accordance with Claim 7, wherein said amorphous thermoplastic resin(s) is (are) of one or more kind(s) of resin(s) selected from a group consisting of polystyrene, acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene resin, polycarbonate, modified polyphenylene ether, polyphenylene ether, polysulfone, polyarylate, polyimide, polyetherimide, polyethersulfone, and polyamideimide, with said crystalline thermoplastic resin(s) being a polyolefin group resin and/or polyamide group resin.
9. A method for the manufacturing of a masking member in accordance with

Claims 1 to 8, wherein said stretch molding is achieved by vacuum and/or pressure forming.